14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, April 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM
(Food and networking at 5:30 PM)

1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup: Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll call/confirm quorum: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Barb Herreid and Dave Keuler. Also present in person: Rick Georgeson, Rick Mervine, Mark Samelstad, Carl and Donna Hasdal, Scott Bordeau, Anna Mitchell, Gus Mancuso, Gary Kaltenbach, Jess Chipley-Trudeau, Jeanne Osgood, Chris Stephan, Heather Gayton and Keifer Sroka.
3. Review and approve minutes for March 11, 2024: Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of March 11, 2024 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements:

- The annual State of Our Lakes will be held on June 8th
- The Wood County Citizens Water Group held 'The Future of Clean Drinking Water in the Central Sands' on March 18 at McMillan Library; a recording of the event is located at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKLSudAOfzE
- WI Lakes and Rivers Convention will be held at Holiday Inn, Stevens Pt. from April 10-13.
- Cent WI Farm Profitability Expo, 4/24, Mid-State Tech., registration closes 4/18; no fee
- Dave T announced that Rick Mervine has accepted an invitation to become a director of the 14 Mile Watershed Alliance.

5. Adams County Report:

Water Resources Update – Keifer Sroka: The equipment for lake water testing was delivered to Phil. Because of early ice out this year, it's important to get started with testing in April.

6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: No report.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James Mitchell: Anna will be presenting results from the Social Indicator Survey at the Wis. Lakes and Rivers Convention. She and Guolong Liang conducted this survey in the 10 Mile and 14 Mile Watersheds last fall. Additionally, she's planning to set up a presentation in the near future for several different groups in the area.
8. Guest speaker(s) – **Rick Mervine: 14 Mile Watershed Strategic Planning, Summary –** Rick reviewed the planning process and shared priorities and tactics for the remainder of 2024 along with the board member with primary responsibility for each item. One of our biggest needs is to recruit additional people with specific capabilities and Rick will be focusing our efforts in this area.
Chris Stephan (Global Director, Surface Water) – Moleaer Inc. Nanobubbler Technology, A Brief Review, and Lake Arrowhead pilot demonstration results – Chris' presentation focused on results of nanobubbler technology in several locations including the Lake Arrowhead Marina test site last fall. He provided an in-depth comparison of results between nanobubblers and aeration.
9. Standing Committee Reports

a. **Publicity and Community outreach – Phil**
   i. ***Signs, website, FaceBook, social media:*** We need to recruit a person to handle this for us
   ii. ***Nekoosa School EE presentation – Gus***: Gus has reached out to Nekoosa HS and will be working with Barb to plan our efforts this year with them.
   iii. **SOOL planning:** planning has begun and future meetings have been set up.
b. **Watershed Research, stream testing grant wrap-up, lake testing – Phil** –the final grant report to DNR has been submitted for reimbursement. Lake water testing, per Keifer's suggestion, will begin next week.

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, fund raising for $6k:*** Dave T. reported that LCPOA raised $1,000 at their last meat raffle; LSPOA will also hold one at the end of April. He will also be applying for a grant through ACEC.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – ***Camelot erosion, permits Adams Co. P&Z:*** A permit application is in process for this project.

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 12 practices, grant awarded, advance of funds:*** a request for an advancement of grant funds has been submitted.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator** – signs will be available at the Farmers Market booth.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb –

i. ***Tree Sale update***: Barb reported that our tree order will be picked up on 4/18 and volunteers will sort out the items for each order on 4/19. Distribution of the orders will be done on Saturday, April 20 from 9 to 2 at the Tri-Lakes Management garage.

ii. ***Potential to raise funds by helping WI Trapshooting Assoc***.: Volunteer help has been requested by the WTA; each volunteer can submit a non-profit organization which will receive $15 per hour worked on a 10-hour event day. Several dates are available and would greatly benefit us – please consider volunteering.

e. Partnership Development - All

i. ***Speaker ideas for May and beyond***: **Anna Mitchell, Producer Survey results –** As Anna is working on a group presentation, a speaker is needed for our May meeting.

ii. ***Networking – PACRS (Update on Meet and Greet, 3/14), River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assocl, WPVGA, other partners:*** Scott Bordeau reported on the Meet and Greet that was held on March 14 at the new Farm and Food Center; over 60 attended. It was also mentioned that a 400-acre farm in Adams County near Castle Rock Lake is planning to place the land into conservancy status.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: none

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: Carl Hasdal reported that he got a demo unit from Moleaer and it will be set up at the Camelot Lodge in connection with the Tri-Lakes District info meetings for property owners scheduled for April 23, 24 and 25.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 5/13.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid